



# The Columbus Garden Railway Society

## ON TRACK!

APRIL 2019



## KPW Railroad chugs through the country

**SUNDAY  
APRIL 28  
2:00—4:00 p.m.**

**Trains run  
2:00-2:30 p.m.  
Meeting begins  
2:30 p.m.**  
Heated garage  
at home of  
**Briane and Connie  
Spangler  
8905 McKendree  
Road  
Mount Sterling  
43143-9120  
614.795.0551**

The KPW Railroad of Briane and Connie Spangler was started in 2008 but since semi-retiring in 2012, progress has slowed due to traveling. Approximately 1000 feet of track,



the layout consists of two main lines, a figure eight with a tunnel (cats' residence when trains permit!), two covered bridges and Connie's egg liners, of which there are seven, and a trolley line with stops down the middle of the street. This country setting near Mount Sterling includes two ponds, a sunken patio and MANY gardens covering the property.

The railroad's Kiousville-Warnersville-Palistine name is derived from Kiousville, the name of our town now, but it used to be Warnersville, and Palistine was just a half mile down the road.



Hosts Connie and Briane Spangler  
Snacks provided!  
Bring a lawn chair

I run live steam which I am modifying one main line to make longer and more level, and since I now have obtained approval of plans for right of way from garden owner (Connie), the work has begun on this modification.



### Directions to 8905 McKendree Road, Mount Sterling 43143-9120

Take I-71 south to exit #84; turn right onto ramp towards Ohio 56 /London. Turn right onto OH56 for nearly 2 miles; turn right onto CR62 (Robinson Road) for 1.3 miles and then turn left (north) onto CR54 (Kiousville-Palistine Road) for half mile to first intersection; blue house on right—8905 McKendree Road.

# Coming in May . . . a three-club gathering in Springfield

The Columbus Garden Railway Society and the Northern Ohio Garden Railway Society have been invited to join the Miami Valley Garden Railway Society at the Springfield home of Danny and Dawn Wells on **SATURDAY, MAY 18.**



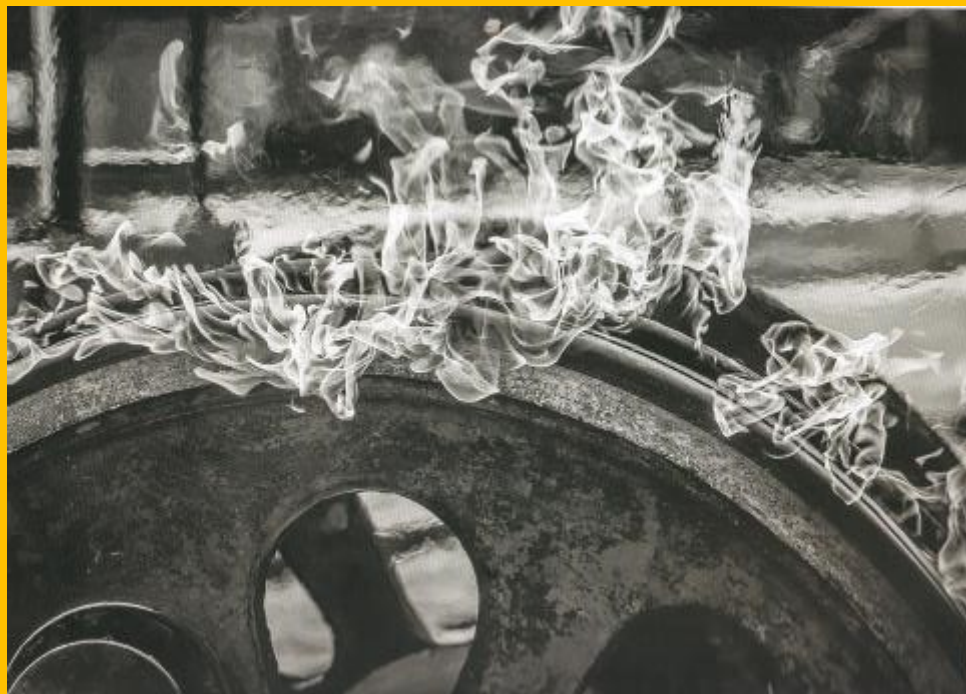
## Noon—4:00 p.m. Potluck and Swap Meet

Noon—2:00 p.m. — Swap Meet

2:00 p.m. — Meal Bring your lawn chairs  
Columbus GRS bring side dishes  
Northern Ohio GRS bring desserts  
Miami Valley GRS bring appetizers  
Hosts will provide pork sandwiches, water, soda



A head count would be helpful. We will let you know in May who you may send your reservations to and what extras you will need to bring for the swap meet. #



**Distortion** Heat powers the locomotive; heat rehabilitates its wheels; March 2018

Photo by Dennis A. Livesey from *Echos of Steam 2018 Calendar*, Friends of the Valley Railroad, Essex, CT 06426; [www.friendsvrr.org](http://www.friendsvrr.org)

# Morehart's Monarchs

article and photos  
by Cindy Morehart

As many of you are aware, one of my passions is trying to increase the monarch butterfly population. The numbers in Mexico this winter, as reported in the *Columbus Dispatch* in February, were up 144% from last year. I would like to think the Spanglers and Moreharts played a small role in this exciting increase! Between us we raised 871 healthy monarchs in our butterfly habitats last summer. (The Morehart's numbers increased from 108 in 2017 to 529 in 2018!) What a great year it was!

Typically the monarchs make their way from the south to Ohio by June or early July. But last year they arrived early May, timed perfectly for us to observe caterpillars and chrysalises during the CGRS meeting at the Morehart's home on May 27. Barring wet



**Can you find the chrysalis?**



and/or cold weather conditions this year, we are anticipating their arrival in just a few months!

For more information on monarch butterflies check out <https://journeynorth.org> or <https://monarchwatch.org> on the web. #



## Switches and passing sidings by expert Bob

by JoAnne Hamblin; photos by Dave & JoAnne Hamblin

Many thanks to Pat Waddell for hosting the three dozen CGRS members at the March 31 event at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Columbus — the snacks were wonderful!

After our business meeting led by Bob Duggan, Bob Collins shared a handout with photos and explanations, some in German, from LGB. His clinic on switches and passing sidings was basic enough even I understood some of what he was describing. Thanks, Bob, for your research and handout so we could follow along and for answering specific questions afterwards.



### Passing siding

A particular form of siding is the passing siding (U.S. and [international](#)) or [passing loop](#) (U.K.). This is a section of track parallel to a through line and connected to it at both ends by [switches](#) (U.S.) (points in international usage). Passing sidings allow trains travelling in opposite directions to pass, and for fast, high priority trains to pass slower or lower priority trains going the same direction. They are important for efficiency on [single track](#) lines, and add to the capacity of other lines. #





**We're heading South  
this year!** CGRS Fall Trip, October 17-21  
by JoAnne Hamblin



## Summerville Steam Special (9 hours)

There is still room on the bus for this year's fall trip. If interested, please go to the members' section of our CGRS website, download the itinerary and send in your reservation.

Aboard the Tennessee Valley Railroad, you will ride a rolling time machine providing the sights and sounds of yesteryear.



These vintage trains follow a historic route from Grand Junction Station in Chattanooga to Summerville, Georgia; crossing the state line in Rossville, traveling past Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park and through Chickamauga, Rock Spring, LaFayette, Trion, and into Summerville.

Departure for the all-day trip is 9:00 a.m. with return approximately 6:00 p.m. Eastern. #

## National Train Day, Toledo, Sat, May 4



### Toledo Amtrak Station, 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza, 415 Emerald Avenue

**Celebrating all things RAIL** and commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Golden Spike in Promontory Summit, Utah on May 10, 1869

Family-friendly event, with free admission and free parking, has a mission of educating about the importance of rail, both locally and nationally.

Features model railroad layouts, rail history and advocacy displays, rides on handcars and speeders, children's train rides, Amtrak and freight railroad exhibits, vendors, drawings for prizes, food, and music. #

## In Memory of . . . Richard A. Dobaj

Columbus Garden Railway Society member Richard A. Dobaj, 77, of Parma, Ohio, passed away February 16, 2019. Richard is survived by his wife of 55 years, Anna "Gerrie" (Zachea), children Jeanette Danczak, Patricia (Bill) Hamill, and Diana Dobaj and five grandchildren. Richard was a policeman for the Norfolk Southern Railroad and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Metropolitan Crime Clinic. Services were held February 22 in Parma. #



### Steam Whistles by Richard Abler

Recently a woman posted to Facebook reminiscences of her youth hearing a train whistle in the middle of the night and its almost haunting sound. I got to wondering about this from the point of view of a scientist, train buff, and musician.

If the lady is remembering whistles from the steam locomotive era, the sound probably was a G-major cord G-B-D-G with the sixth note added: G-B-D-E-G. Adding the sixth means the whistle is in effect playing two related chords, a G-major and an E-minor chord, at the same time. A minor chord creates a "mournful" or "longing" sound, which is why steam locomotive whistles are often said to sound sad or romantic.

Moving in to the modern era trains running through Ohio today — mainly Norfolk Southern, CSX, and Amtrak — use the best-selling Nathan Airchime Model K5LA which sounds the pentad: D#-F#-G#-B-D#. The manufacturer describes this chord as a B major 6. It is the loudest train horn in the United States, maybe even in the world!



The next time you're stuck at a railroad crossing listen for this chord and then listen for the horn pattern: two longs, one short, one long. It's always the same; Federal law.

For fun, try these chords on your piano. #

**NEWS TABLE News**

March 21, 2019 Easterday Home



Thanks to Cecil Easterday for hosting the March 21 news table meeting and to Bob Collins, Jed & Michelle Hacker for bringing snacks.

Jed Hatcher led the meeting and Cecil Easterday shared the treasurer's report and the update on the 2019 fall bus trip to Tennessee. There are 33 seats filled and on April 1 she will open up reservations to area railroad clubs.

Reviewed clinic ideas from the 2017 or 2018 banquet since we have many new members.

The Sweets will need our help getting their railroad ready for the season because of Don's recent illness.

Ideas for 2020 banquet—dinner theatre; model railroader out of Saint Louis who has YouTube postings; new editor of *Garden Railway Magazine*.

Because of the confusion this past banquet as to saving seats for friends and who is sitting where, maybe have guests place their nametag at their seats so turning the chairs on their sides is no longer a tripping hazard.

	<b>2019 BANQUET</b>	<b>2018 BANQUET</b>
Receipts	\$2,0160.00	\$2,176.00
Raffle	\$ 1,140.00	\$1,120.00
Raffle expense	\$68.02	\$0.00
Banquet expense		
	\$2,741.36	\$2,707.72
Raffle proceeds used to offset		
		banquet expenses
	\$725.36	\$531.72
Raffle income used to offset monthly club		
expenses	<b>\$346.62</b>	<b>\$ 588.28</b>

**Thank you, Cecil Easterday, check writer**

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**NEWS TABLE, 7:30 pm Thursdays**

**April 18 — Dan & Katy Hill**  
**1433 Inglis Ave, Columbus**  
**43212—3424; 614.488.9025**

**May 9 ? or 16 ?— Alvin & Bev Mann**  
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**ON TRACK** is intended as a medium in which to air the news and views of the Columbus Garden Railway Society members. CGRS is an informal group which meets monthly or thereabouts to share a common interest in garden railroading and to socialize. Membership is open to all interested persons. All articles in this newsletter are provided by the editor unless otherwise noted. Photographs by Dave and JoAnne Hamblin.

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April 18, Thur 7:30 pm	News Table, Hill home, Columbus
April 28, Sun, 2-4 pm	Spangler home, Mount Sterling
May 9 or May 16, 7:30 pm	News table, Mann home, Columbus
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 18—note day and date change</b>	
Joining Miami Valley GRS & Northern Ohio GRS at the Wells home, Springfield	
June 20, Thur, 7:30 pm	News Table, Location to be announced
June 30, Sun, 2-4 pm	June Event, Duggan home, Dublin
September 8, Sun, 1-5 pm	Annual Garden Railroad Tour open to the public
October 17 to October 21	Fall bus tour to southeastern USA